

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 25, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the Amendments:

claim 1 is amended to omit "identical" from "secret information" and to specify that the inverse of the secret information is also stored in different locations of the flash memory of each chip. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs [8216]-[8223] of the present specification; and

claim 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Gilbert in view of Matumoto, because neither Gilbert nor Matumoto teach or suggest storing the inverse of secret information together with the secret information, as is required by the claimed invention

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,



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